

Washington State Conservation Commission

Program Descriptions



Livestock Grants: The Washington State Legislature appropriates funding to WSCC to distribute Livestock Grants to conservation districts. The Livestock Grant is used to assist owners and operators of animal feeding operations in developing nutrient management plans as well as providing information to smaller scale livestock producers. In addition, the Livestock Grant provides cost share funding for implementation of Best Management Practices (BMP's) such as facility gutters, livestock exclusion fencing, and manure containment facilities.



Irrigation Efficiencies Grant Program (IEGP): The IEGP is administered by WSCC through a contracted partnership with the Washington state Department of Ecology. The IEGP helps private landowners partner with local conservation districts to save water and aid in salmon recovery. By implementing BMP's to increase the efficiency of on-farm water applications and conveyance systems, the IEGP converts water savings into beneficial instream flows in tributaries with listed salmonid species.



Conservation Resource Enhancement Program (CREP): WSCC administers CREP to provide funding for private landowners who enroll land located along water bodies with priority salmonid stocks. Eligible land is fenced and/or planted to create forested streamside buffers that are protected for 10-15 years, providing cooler streams, more diverse aquatic habitats, and a reduction in sediments. Participants are reimbursed for 100% of eligible costs and receive an annual rental payment per acre enrolled. FSA provides 80% of the funding for CREP.



Farm Plan Implementation Grant (FPIG): WSCC administers FPIG funding, appropriated by the Legislature, to the 47 conservation districts in Washington State. Based on local long-range and annual planning, districts use the funding to conduct outreach activities (such as the workshop pictured to the left), provide technical and financial assistance for BMP implementation, participate in watershed planning, and coordinate water quality monitoring activities.



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